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PROPOSED REORGANISATION TO BRING IN AN EXTRA CADRE WORKER:
"TECHNIK", "FED", "KLOD", "T.MYC"
(1945)

From: C/JSBFR:

To: MOSCOW

No.: 398 ✓

15th October 1945

To VIKTOR[1].

In view of the [C% favourable] outlook for the development of our work here, I submit for your decision the question of sending a cadre worker to take up a permanent post as deputy head of the TASS office [OTDELNIYE] in SYDNEY. If this measure were to be put into effect, it would permit us to exercise increased control of "KLOD's" [11] [D% groups] and thereafter substantially [B% to lighten his load]. At one and the same time it would provide an opportunity for consolidating both the line indicated above and our work (Department of External Affairs [MID], intelligence services, political parties and so on) by having an appropriate agent net [AGENTUR.] for each of these in the two principal cities of AUSTRALIA - SYDNEY and MELBOURNE. [1 group unrecovered] the recruitment of such a worker will

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be especially favourable to the prosecution of our work. Such an opportunity must be taken advantage of, as there is not a single post in the Legation in CANBERRA which would produce such results. In the event of the appointment of a new worker exceeding the establishment of our office, I should think that using "TEKHNIK"[iii] would enable one of the lines of work mentioned by us to be brought under control. In the event of the appointment of a new worker exceeding the establishment of our office[a], I should consider it expedient to engineer "FED's"[iv] posting away from here. It is possible that he could be of greater use on other work. [C] is you know "TALYA"[v] is working on full pay

[11 groups unrecovered]

to use her in our line of work does not seem possible. "FED" is deeply offended by the fact that, having graduated from the Institute, he has to work as a courier of the Special Guard[SPETSNAZ]. However, up to now it has not been possible to do any serious work on instructing Soviet citizens or on collecting and processing overt[LEG.L'NYU] information. Translation is likewise sluggish

[19 groups unrecovered]

They are thoroughly

[24 groups unrecoverable]

from their [4 groups unrecovered]

No. 76[b]

EFIM[vi]

Notes: [a] This phrase is repeated as in the original.

[b] See MOSCOW's No. 235 of 29th October 1945 (3/NBP/T64) for reply.

Comments: [1] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[11] KLOB: ✓ i.e. "CLAUDE"; Walter Saddon CLAYTON.

[111] TEKHNIK: X i.e. "TECHNICIAN"; Podor Andreovich MOSOV, TASS Correspondent in SYDNEY.

[iv] FED: X Probably Aleksei Ivanovich OSIPOV, clerk at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA.

[v] TALYA: X Probably Ksenya Nikolovna OSIPOVA, wife of OSIPOV (Comment [iv]), who was employed on consular duties at the Soviet Legation in CANBERRA.

[vi] EFIM: X Semon Ivanovich MAKAROV.

